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New Top 10 Consumer Scams Brochure Available

(Phoenix, Ariz. – May 17, 2006) Attorney General Terry Goddard today announced publication of the Top 10 Consumer Scams brochure for 2006. The expanded, 40-page brochure updates last year's information and serves as a practical guide to the most common consumer problems reported to the Attorney General's Office.

"Our goal is to provide information consumers can use to avoid becoming victims," Goddard said. "Prevention is key because once my office receives a complaint, someone has already been hurt. This brochure is one way to get information to Arizona consumers about taking steps to protect themselves."

New information in this year's brochure includes tips on what debt collectors can and cannot do; facts about prize notification scams and cashier check fraud, and advice on choosing a wireless provider.

The brochure also updates information on predatory lending, mortgage rescue schemes, business opportunity scams, door-to-door sales, home repair scams and car buying and repair.

This brochure is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.azag.gov or by contacting the Attorney General's Office in Phoenix at 602.542.5763; in Tucson at 520.628.6504; or outside the Phoenix or Tucson metro areas at 1.800.352.8431. Arizona residents can also visit one of 21 satellite offices throughout Arizona to get a copy of this brochure. Locations and hours of operation are listed on the Web site. Consumers are also invited to sign up on the Web site to receive advisories from the Attorney General.